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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 29 June 1980

ISLAMABAD--Roach and I met on 29 June with Ambassador Hummel in Islamabad. He continued to express his support for our projected operation. He now noted that there definitely was not space for us in the compound (I had been warned about that earlier by the Admin Officer) and that we would have to locate in a residence. We discussed the possibility of combining our operations space with a residence for our staff officer. We decided that this would probably be the best route because of the shortage of housing and the fact our operation does not require a full house--there are no apartments.

The Ambassador said that he had no problem in getting the approval of the Secretary General of the MFA for our projected monitoring operation and he made available a copy of the note he presented to him describing our work. He also said that it would be very helpful if some arrangement could be made to send highly selected items--such as Moscow comment on Afghanistan--to the mission for passing to the ROP. I noted that some arrangement could probably be worked out and we could develop selection criteria at the proper time. In regard to our meeting with the General Manager of the PTT, he told me that he wanted me to initiate the discussion by making it clear that he had received the approval of the ROP MFA for our operation.

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